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Summary Information

Repository:	Raymond H. Fogler Library Special Collections Department
Creator:	Cary, Austin, 1865-1936
Title:	Austin Cary Papers
ID:	SpC MS 0086
Date [inclusive]:	1893-1953
Date [bulk]:	1909-1935 (bulk)
Physical Description:	1.8 cubic feet (3 boxes)
Physical Location:	
Language of the Material:	English
Abstract:	Papers of Austin Cary, a noted forester with a forty-five year career in forestry research and administration.

Preferred Citation

Austin Cary Papers, SpC MS 0086, [Box No.], [Folder No.], Raymond H. Fogler Library Special Collections Department, University of Maine, Orono, Maine

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Biography

Austin Cary was born in 1865 in East Machias, Maine. He received an A.B. degree from Bowdoin College in 1887, an A.M. degree in 1890, and an honorary Sc.D. in 1922. He also studied biology at Johns Hopkins and Princeton. He was an instructor in the Department of Geology and Biology at Bowdoin in 1887 and 1888, taught at the Yale Forest School in 1904 and 1905, and was an assistant professor of forestry at Harvard from 1905 to 1909.

Cary was one of the first people to enter the new profession of forestry. He was first employed as a surveyor and investigator, working in Maine, Michigan and Wisconsin. In 1895 he spent a season in the

woods near the Androscoggin River gathering information for the state land agent's report. In 1898 he became a forester at the Berlin Mills Company, later the Brown Company, the first person to hold such a position in an American business. He worked for the company for six years, surveying, mapping and cruising the company lands in Maine.

He was appointed Superintendent of State Parks for New York State in 1909, resigning a year later. In 1910 he was appointed as Logging Engineer for the United States Forest Service, and his interests and influence broadened to include every forest region in the country. In 1917 he made his first trip to the South; he became increasingly interested in this region as a timber growing area. He also became interested in the naval stores industry in the South after making a trip to Spain and France in 1924 with representatives of the American Naval Stores Commission.

Cary was a prolific author, publishing technical papers and articles of interest to workers in various lumber and woodworking industries. He also published five editions of his "Manual for Northern Woodsmen." He prepared management plans for many private owners in the South and Northeast and became an authority on turpentine timber.

Cary retired from the Forest Service in 1935, settling in Lake City, Florida. Ever active in the forestry field, he then worked as a consulting forester for various private companies, mostly in the South. He also was himself a forest land owner with several thousand acres in Florida.

Austin Cary died in 1936 while on a visit to the Forestry Department at the University of Florida.

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Scope and Contents of the Records

This small collection reflects the life-long involvement of Austin Cary in the areas of forestry and forest management.

The collection contains correspondence, mostly incoming, 1893-1936, from professional colleagues writing to Cary about areas of common interest. It also contains a file of memos and letters Cary prepared for presentation to President Franklin Roosevelt in 1934.

The collection continues with drafts and prints of articles by Cary, reflecting his work with the New York Department of Forestry and the United States Forest Service. Diaries and field notes, 1897-1910, contain Cary's observations on his numerous travels in forest regions prior to his employment with the Forest Service. A series of files, 1911-1931, contain reports written by Cary for various companies for which he did consulting. A few subject files and pamphlets on forestry are also included in the collection.

The collection ends with biographical information about Cary and documents concerning his estate.

The user should note that the P.K. Yonge Library of Florida History, University of Florida, also holds papers of Austin Cary, as well as an extensive collection of his published writings.

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Conservation Note

The collection has been re-housed in acid-free folders and boxes. Documents have been surface cleaned as needed and metal fasteners removed. Prior to their arrival at the Library, many items were water damaged.

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Restrictions on Access

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Provenance

Unknown.

Restrictions on Use

Information on literary rights available in repository.

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Controlled Access Headings

- Foresters
- Forest management
- Lumbering
- Forests and forestry
- Forestry engineering
- Correspondence
- Cary, Austin, 1865-1936

Collection Inventory

Box 1	
Title/Description	Instances
Letters, 1893, 1900-1934	Box 1 Folder 1-4
Drafts of memo to President Roosevelt, 1934	Box 1 Folder 5
Letters to Henry H. Wallace, Secretary of Agriculture, 1935	Box 1 Folder 6
Letters, 1935-1936, undated	Box 1 Folder 7-10
Addresses given by Cary, 1914-1935, undated	Box 1 Folder 11
Drafts of articles and memos by Cary, 1919-1936, undated	Box 1 Folder 12
Annual report of the New York Dept. of Forestry, 1909, by Austin Cary, Superintendent, State Forests	Box 1 Box 1 Folder 13
"Good naval stores practice" by Austin Cary [USDA leaflet no. 41, May 1929] plus memos, 1929-05	Box 1

	Folder 14
Articles by Austin Cary, 1921-1935, undated	Box 1
	Folder 15
Notebook of travels in Europe, 1896, plus other notes	Box 1
	Folder 16
Diaries and field notes, 1897-1904	Box 1
	Folder 17
Frank Patten's report of West Branch drive, 1902	Box 1
	Folder 18
Field notes, New Brunswick and Gaspé, undated	Box 1
	Folder 19
Plan of work, Northern Pacific estimates, 1909 [by Cary?]	Box 1
	Folder 20
Field reports, 1910: Kanikav Forest and Clearwater National Forest	Box 1
	Folder 21
Brooks Bros. timber sale, 1911: notes by Cary	Box 1
	Folder 22
Papers on logging costs at Camps E and F, Washington, 1911-1913 [by Cary?]	Box 1
	Folder 23
Overhead logging at Madera Sugar Pine Co., 1912	Box 1
	Folder 24
Cary's notes on Brown Co. forests, 1924 [transcription, January 19, 1953]	Box 1
	Folder 25
Notes, blueprints for Finch, Pruyn and Co., [1931?]	Box 1
	Folder 26
Notes on West Side Lumber Co., Portland Oregon	Box 1
	Folder 27
Report on operation of Scandinavian gang saws installed at ... Tumwater Lumber Mills Co., Olympia, Washington [by Cary?]	Box 1
	Folder 28
Elements of wood and bark, plus other notes	Box 1
	Folder 29
Miscellaneous field notes	Box 1

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Box 2

Title/Description	Instances
Work records, lumbering	Box 2 Folder 1
Notes, etc.	Box 2 Folder 2
Papers, memos, etc.	Box 2 Folder 3
Unidentified, undated photograph	Box 2 Folder 4
Subject file: forest conservation, lumbermen's codes, etc.	Box 2 Folder 5
Subject file: lumber code	Box 2 Folder 6
Subject file: private cooperation, 1919-1932	Box 2 Folder 7
Clippings, articles, etc. re forestry	Box 2 Folder 8
Maps	Box 2 Folder 9

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Box 3

Title/Description	Instances
Pamphlets on forestry with notes by Cary	Box 3 Folder 1
Pamphlet: Why Canada should prohibit export of unmanufactured wood, [published by Frank J.D. Barnjum], undated	Box 3 Folder 2
Biographical information about Cary, 1935	Box 3

	Folder 3
Documents concerning estate of Austin Cary, 1937	Box 3
	Folder 4
Booklet: A list of the materials in the Austin Cary Memorial Forestry Collection in the University of Florida, 1942	Box 3
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